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FRIENDLY SETTLEMENT NOW PROBABLE

The most cheering statement concerning the submarine controversy is that of Carl W. Ackerman, the United Press correspondent in Berlin. It will be remembered that it was he who first sent out the statement of German Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg made in an especial interview granted him as the press representative, in which Germany's side of the controversy was fully and freely stated.

Ackerman has been at Berlin ever since the war started and is close to those in high authority. His statements are always reliable and have been, so far as news was concerned, veritable scoops.

It is for this reason his statement made in the Capital Journal's dispatches yesterday to the effect that the crisis had passed, and that he made this statement on "the most authentic authority," is of such hopeful character.

He says that pending the negotiations leading up to a perfect understanding between the United States and Germany, "submarines will be under explicit instructions." What those instructions will be he cannot, or does not say, but indicates they will be of such a character that no more merchant ships will be attacked without warning until the negotiations have reached some definite conclusion.

Germany wants to understand exactly what the United States demands and will bend every effort to make the future conduct of the submarine war be in accordance with it.

He says "Germany is making an honest effort to reach a friendly solution of the difficulty and will go far to maintain the friendly relations between the two countries, that have existed ever since the United States set up in business for itself."

This being the case a solution of the problem is pretty sure to follow, for where both parties to a dispute try honestly to settle it peaceably, they almost invariably succeed. That this will be the result in the present case seems assured.

It looks very much as though both sides have about enough fighting around Verdun. There has been nothing doing except some pretty heavy artillery duels for some time, which indicates the attempt to break through the French defenses is doomed to failure. The next couple of months will probably put an entirely different phase on the war. The season is opening and desperate fighting is due along the line of a couple of thousand miles. It would be an herculean task for the allies to invade Germany, and it is not conceivable that the Germans can advance further on any of the frontiers, if they cannot break through at Verdun. With fresh hordes from Russia attacking them, and the Turk in deadly danger of losing his cherished hold on the Bosphorus, and being compelled to sue for a separate peace it is hard to guess what the new alignment will be.

Reports are somewhat conflicting as to the Irish situation, but it is evident the trouble is far from being settled. The latest reports yesterday were to the effect the rebels still had possession of part of the city of Dublin, and that the uprising was spreading to the western part of the island. It will cause England considerable trouble but that it will fail is reasonably certain. If Ireland was a unit something could be done toward setting up a government of its own, but with the people so widely and hopelessly divided as the Irish are, any movement of the kind is almost sure to fail. "A house divided against itself cannot stand," and the same is true of an island or a country.

The Public Service Commission has ordered the Southern Pacific to build a depot at Shaw and put a station agent in charge. If the commission will take a glance out of some of the capital windows they can find another town that should have the same kind of an order made concerning it. It is apparent the railroad company will do nothing to remove the old shack that does duty as a depot and equally evident the Public Service Commission will make no move in that direction of its own initiative.

Johnny Bull can be depended on to invariably do the wrong thing at the right time. Just when Germany and America are trying to reach a friendly solution of the problem of unarmed merchantmen and the submarine war, a British tanker, called upon to halt, attacked the submarine, and was sunk. True the attack was in the nature of defense, but at the same time it shows the "armed merchantmen" comes near being a war vessel.



THE WICKED WAR

I bought a ton of shredded coal. "The price I've had to raise," remarked the dealer, as he dole, and checked his loaded drays. "The war in Europe makes things high, and you'll be passing wise, if you produce your wad and buy, before another rise." I went downtown to buy some ice, to use in place of coal; that dealer, too, had raised the price, and sprung his rignarole. "The warring nations cannot find enough to cool their guns; they're buying all the ice that's mined, and still lack countless tons." I asked the baker for a pie, to feed my hungry aunt; he said, "The war has made pies higher—" I cried, "Aroint! Avaunt! You merchants hand out whiskered lies, that you may boost the price; they are not shooting men with pies, or loading guns with ice. I don't object to being skinned, when sinkers I demand, but if you must use heated wind, produce a fresher brand."

STATE NEWS

Roseburg Review: With the first run of Chinooks, stories of big fish are rife on the streets today and contrary to the usual story the narrators produce the goods to prove their statements. Sunday a 30-pound fish decorated the window of the Retail Drug store, the proprietor Nathan Fullerton, having taken it from the water after a hard struggle. J. W. Perkins, another expert fisherman returned yesterday from the forks of the river with one which weighed two pounds heavier than that of Mr. Fullerton. An unconfirmed report from Winchester, however, has these records broken, telling of the capture of a salmon weighing 50 pounds by H. E. Burnfield.

Ashland Tidings: The Ashland mine will be ready for operation within the next few weeks after several years of idleness. A crew of men is at work getting the buildings into shape, hauling in timber, lumber and supplies, and this week will commence putting the machinery into shape. W. A. Bartlett, who has leased the property for a two-year period, went to Portland the last of the week to make arrangements for such of the machinery needed as could not be obtained at Ashland. Dave Gould's teamsters are hauling in lumber and pipe which will be used in constructing a pipe line to bring water from a spring in Bear Creek.

The annual wholesale trade extension of the chamber of commerce of San Francisco has planned an extensive trip into southern Oregon to be made next September. In character it will be similar to that made last year, only the itinerary will cover a much larger radius and many more towns will be included in the stops. Seventy-five wholesale houses of San Francisco have already signified their willingness to have representatives in that party and eventually the list will exceed 100. The following towns will be visited by these trade-getters: Marshfield, North Bend, Copulla, Myrtle Point, Bandon, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Eugene. Many of these places find San Francisco their most available distributing point.

The Dulles Chronicle: The Dulles Rod and Gun Club has instituted a campaign which will be waged against crows, ravens, magpies, and hawks, which eat the eggs of all song and game birds and also devour the young. The local sportsmen who are behind the movement hope to interest all farmers of the vicinity in the campaign of killing the game destroyers. All nests in the brush and trees should be destroyed as well as the crows, magpies, etc., themselves.

Lake County Examiner: An effort is being made by several rabbit bounty associations in the northern part of the county to have a law, providing for a bounty on jack-rabbits, placed on the ballot at the November election. The necessary funds have been raised for the printing of the initiative petitions and as soon as they come off the press they will be circulated about the county. The act as drawn up, and which will become operative if passed at the November election, provides for a

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

The Woodburn telephone case was called this morning in Judge Gallows' court for a hearing in the suit to set aside the order of the Public Service Commission raising the telephone rates in Woodburn. It appears that when the franchise was granted to the telephone company several years ago the maximum rate was established by a provision of the franchise granted by the city. At this time the rate was fixed at \$1.50 per month for a single party line, \$1.25 per month for a two party line and for lines of more than two parties \$1 per month. The telephone company last year asked for a raise in rates and upon the showing made at a public hearing before the Public Service Commission the commission granted a raise in rates to the following: Business phones, one party \$2.50 per month; two party \$2.25 per month; four party \$2 per month; residence phones one party \$2 per month; two party \$1.75 per month; extension phones 50 cents per month; business suburban party lines \$1.50; and residence party line \$1. The city of Woodburn contends that the franchise provision should hold and that the rates allowed by the commission are illegal and unjust. Attorneys Blaine McLeod and George G. Bingham represent the state public service commission and the Telephone company respectively. After hearing the evidence Judge Gallows took the matter under advisement.

Fred Keller today filed a suit in the circuit court against Belle Steele and D. D. Steele to collect money alleged due on two promissory notes aggregating the sum of \$400. It is stated that \$20.70 of this sum has been paid and the plaintiff asks judgment in the sum of \$379.30 with \$75 attorney's fees. W. C. Winslow is attorney for the plaintiff.

A suit to quiet title to property in this county was filed in the circuit court today by Marjorie Albert McCorkle against John H. McCorkle and others.

The income tax may be a blessing in disguise. Some folks ain't bothering any more by bragging about their incomes.

Stocks Fluctuate Little

Silver at Record Price

New York, April 28.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

Continued interest in railways was a feature of the early trading but they lost their spontaneity as the session progressed and some early gains were cancelled. There was no indication of extensive selling for foreign accounts. Developments were attributed to the profit taking upon yesterday's upturn. The general list was uniformly higher or at the outset. Munitions issues like

Cruible Steel and Baldwin Locomotive recovered a point or more. Steel was fractionally higher. Early business was on a scale of great activity but the vigor abated before the end of 30 minutes and heavy profit taking checked the general list's advance.

Thereafter the market was one of special movements. Interest shifted to metals and specialties. Ceramite marine advanced. Silver went to its highest price in 20 years, 71 3/8 and was reflected in the sharp upward turn taken by smelting stocks and copper companies which produce silver. Elsewhere the prices changed irregularly but the general list was strong.

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